

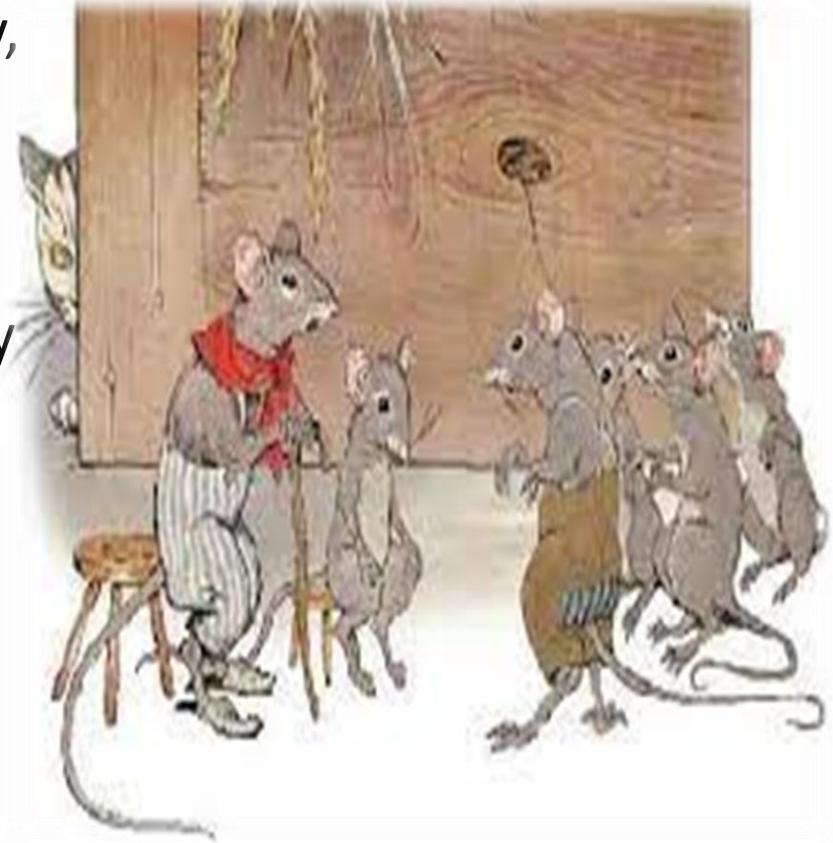


The Cat and the Mice

Once a cat lived in a house. Some mice also lived near that house in a hole. The cat had seen the hole and whenever it was hungry, it hid itself in the bushes near the hole. When any mouse came out it caught and ate it up. Soon the number of mice began to decrease.

They decided to tie a bell around the neck of the cat so that they might hear it when it was coming. One day, the cat was having a sound sleep. All the mice together tied a bell to the neck of the cat. Now all the mice were safe because the bell rang whenever the cat came near the hole. All mice rushed towards the hole. They were very happy because of their wise planning.

Moral: Who will bell the cat?



The Thirsty Crow

Once, there was a crow. He was very thirsty. He flew here and there in search of water. Suddenly he saw a pitcher in a garden. The water in it was very low. He tried but his beak could not touch the water. Meanwhile, he saw some small stones near the pitcher of water. He hit upon an idea. He put some stones into the pitcher. The water rose up. He drank it and flew away.

Moral: Where there is a will there is a way



A Greedy Dog

Once there was a hungry dog. He ran here and there in search of something to eat. At last, he found a bone from market. He picked the bone and ran towards the jungle. There was a stream on the way to his home. He saw his own mirroring in the stream water. He thought that there was another dog with a delicious bone in his mouth. He wanted to get the other bone too. He started barking to his own reflection. His bone fell into water as he opened his mouth. The greedy dog lost his bone in greed of another bone.

Moral: Greed is Curse.





The Fox and the Grapes

Once, there was a fox in a jungle. One day, he was very hungry. He went here and there in search something to remove his hunger. But did not find anything to eat. At last, he reached a garden. There were many bunches of ripe grapes. When he saw the grapes, he became very happy by just imagining there taste his mouth filled with water. He jumped up to get them, but could not reach them. He tried again and again but in vain. He gave up his struggle and went away saying that "the grapes are sour"

Moral: Grapes are sour.





The Hare and the Tortoise

Once there lived a hare and a tortoise together. They were fast friends. The hare was proud of his fast speed. He often laughed at the laziness of tortoise. One day the hare asked the tortoise to run a race with him. The tortoise agreed. The race started in time. The hare ran fast. The tortoise was left far behind. In the way the hare saw a shady place. He stopped to take some rest. He sat down under a shady tree and fell asleep. The tortoise continued his race and reached the goal. When the hare woke up, he ran very fast but it was too late. When he reached the decided place, he was ashamed to see there the tortoise smiling at him.

Moral: Slow and steady wins the race.





Union is Strength

Once there lived an old farmer. He had four sons. They often quarreled with one another. He was very upset. One day, he fell ill. He called his sons He gave them a bundle of sticks. He asked them to break it. They tried their best but failed. Then, the old farmer untied the bundle and asked them to break the sticks one by one. They broke the sticks easily. At this, the old farmer said, "My sons Union is Strength. Nothing can defeat you as long as you are united like this bundle of stick. But if you keep on fighting, you will be broken one by one." After this, they never quarreled and lived peacefully.

Moral: Union is Strength.



A Foolish Stag

Once a stag came to a pool to drink water. As the stag was drinking water it saw its reflection in the water. It saw its beautiful horns and felt proud. But as it saw its thin legs, it became sad. In the meantime, it heard the sound of some hounds. It ran for its life. Its legs carried it far away in no time. In the jungle, its horn was caught in a bush. Meanwhile, the hounds reached there. Within no time, they tore it into pieces.

Moral: All that glitters is not gold.



The Farmer and the Snake

Once in a winter morning, a farmer saw a snake frozen with cold. He was a very kind hearted man. He could not see any one dying in this way without any help. He took pity on it, put it in a basket and brought it home. He put it near fire in the kitchen. After some time it opened its eyes and began to move here and there. Children of the farmer were also watching all this with great interest. Suddenly it attacked one of his sons but he quickly ran away. Seeing all this the farmer picked up a stick and killed it on the spot.

Moral: Nature cannot be changed.

